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LETTERS

From Brian Parks of Torrance, California:

I have just received STIGMATA #14 and like your previous issues I found it most interesting and informative. Although the mutilation phenomenon is not along my general line of interest, I find that the more esoteric journals are more responsible and carry a great deal more information and reports than will be carried by the media. Dr. Vallee seems to be the only one of the more popular writers who have given this subject a great deal of serious attention. Of course, the subject can be a bit gruesome and perhaps has been cautiously avoided, but this will not stop the mutilations! I have read a number of interesting theories about this subject but none which seem to fit the scope of what is being reported. I am glad to see now there is more serious interest and hope for success in your research. Perhaps with more organized data you will soon have some answers. I hope so.

Your report on Grudge 13 caught my attention immediately. Especially the reference to it, at least in part, being Project Grudge/Blue Book Report Number 13. Stanton T. Friedman, during his presentation at the UFOhio Symposium (I have a copy of this paper) mentioned that there are indications that Blue Book Report 13 did in fact exist and is still classified. Friedman, while questioning the validity of report #14, which has received a great deal of attention, states: "Surely, if they had been told it was Blue Book Special Report Number 14, they would have asked for reports one through 13. As a matter of fact, 1-12 surfaced in the 1960's and had all been classified. Had their existence been admitted in 1955, how could their classification have been justified and maintained if there was no security angle? What would the government have said about Report #13? Later they had the temerity to say it was included in report 14 though they were unable to provide me with any basis for this blatant misstatement of fact. I have talked to two people independently who told me they had seen a copy and that it was Top Secret. I have good reason to accept this as true".

That's about the bulk of it, although this paper deals with classification and cover-up in general and more proof is surfacing which indicates a great deal of information is still under classification. The Freedom of Information Act has proven useless in many cases, especially where the existence of documents has been classified. How can you get to classified material when you cannot even prove it exists? For "National Security" reasons security can, and is, be maintained.

A great deal of information has surfaced, as you may have noticed, in relation to crashed UFOs and subsequent retrievals and examinations. The Roswell case in particular has been thoroughly investigated and has been corroborated by a great number of witnesses and even some documentation. Other reports, although interesting, are more questionable. Anyway, it would be interesting to see anything that might corroborate such reports. I know it is your line of interest to cover the mentioned mutilation reports, but I sure would appreciate

any other information you might have on this report especially in the area of crashed UFOs and retrievals. I also noticed that it mentioned abductions and close approaches. I have also heard indications, from John Keel in particular, that the Air Force took a serious interest in these type of cases long before civilian researchers. You will notice that abductions and contactees were not taken too seriously until the 1970's, which has been the most popular time for CE-III and more controversial cases. Thank you again for your publication and services.

And the selfsame John A. Keel mentioned by Brian Parks pens the following:

My own guess is that the mutilations have served their purpose...whatever that might have been...and something entirely new and totally unexpected will begin to take place this year (1981) or next. I can't even speculate on what this might be. A diversion will occur simultaneously and all the ufonuts will be misled by it and waste time feuding and fussing and spoiling vast quantities of paper with reports about the diversionary tactic. So keep your ear to the ground, your nose pressed to the wheel, etc.

And, from Frank Colacarro, Jr. of Colonia, New Jersey:

I was very interested in the STIGMATA #13 article, "Covert Capers Crown Colorado Cow Case", the Iona Hoeppner case. So far, having done a great deal of serious reading on the cattle mutilation subject, I still haven't made up my mind on who's behind it, but up to this point I've narrowed it down to two theories that make any kind of sense to me. Theory #1: They're secret autopsies being done by our intelligence agencies or military, either as a testing program of biological weapons or monitoring the effects of environmental pollution, contamination of the food chain. Theory #2: Extraterrestrials doing a biological survey of earth and its inhabitants.

The Hoeppner case in my opinion is good evidence that extraterrestrials may be involved. I base this assumption on the sample of hide that was microscopically examined and found to be cut between the cells without cutting into any of the cells. This is quite a feat and next to impossible for our present technology. Also the red liquid found near the calf's mouth with its strange rectangles. The two break-ins at the school added to the strangeness. The break-in could have been done by the mutilators themselves, but a better explanation is that the samples were stolen by intelligence agents who are monitoring the cattle mutilations and UFOs. This may also explain the mystery helicopter aspect, these having been seen near the mutilation areas from time to time. I think that the government has pulled out all the stops to find out what's going on. I think that these choppers are being driven by government agents who are in the process of investigating the mutilations clandestinely.

From Paul Faughnan of Flushing, New York:

... The most fruitful area for probing the origins and purposes of mute incidents is the "mystery helicopters" sector of mute reports and related matters. I suggest that when one plots on a map the location of all sightings where a positive identification was made of a specific copter type, one obtains data from either aeronautical publications or from the manufacturers on the range of this craft. One can then use a compass to outline the area where a logistical supply base could exist for this craft. I also suggest inquiries to the manufacturers about large commercial copter purchases in mute-prone areas. Probes of Canadian purchasers would be a fertile ground for study.

I was reading an article recently which discussed chemical and biological warfare. The techniques used in many of the mutes are similar to the techniques used by the chemists and other scientists to determine the toxicity of C-B agents on animal subjects, to prove the effectiveness of an attack of this nature. Another thing someone may wish to examine are the incidents of rape in cities near mute sites as well as missing persons reports, paying careful attention to the type of victim and (his)(her) status. Psycho-sexual terrorism appears to be one element of the mute syndrome's driving force on an interpersonal level.

Veteran ufologist and STIGMATA reader Vince White of Kansas City, Missouri, writes:

Officially Project GRUDGE was initiated February 11, 1949. It was the third or fourth act of that AF-staged farce starring those investigative paragons at ATIC, from the Pentagon. The best official account (in terms of conveying the flow of events in those halcyon dawn years of the modern UFO) is still Ruppelt's old classic. High monkey shines and moonbeam studies days. Project GRUDGE, part one, died and was reborn as GRUDGE TWO on February 27, 1951 when the hooraw from the Fort Monmouth radar sighting in front of a gaggle of high brass hit the fan. The good ole days!

We know that these studies, BLUEBOOK and so on, were all part of a very elaborate security facade, that may or may not have had the cooperation and wittingness of the various parties involved depending on particular cases. By and large though, AF people were simply being used. Cutouts and so on in intelligence parlance. So it is curious that someone running the real covert ultimate-priority projects would choose to entitle one of the REAL reports the same as the low-level ad-hoc PR tool projects run by the Air Force puppets. Perhaps it makes good sense. Perhaps not. Someone asks about "Project GRUDGE" and you say, "Oh, that's just that bit of loose nonsense that team at BLUEBOOK assembled. A convenient camouflage? Stan Friedman has talked a lot about project #13, that there is a hell of a lot more in it than has ever leaked out to date. I haven't any doubt that many, many

thick volumes of reports exist with most of the items you mentioned. Whether it is Project GRUDGE report #13 is another question. These days, the report is probably less & less available in hard copy as more and more of all the data flow is computerized. Now the bulk of the desk jockeys in the CIA and NSA work at terminals and have very little paper at their disposal. Hard copy reports and books, etc. are being That is both a great strength and potential weakness. In ten or fifteen jockey will work at a terminal, shielded visually and connected by light wave (fiber optics-untappable) to the computer network.

To get a feeling for the early and not so refined security m.o. it is instructive to read early (1945-55) UFO history. I can sort of see the clouds of secrecy and smoke generators fail occasionally and you can glimpse real things going on, in terms of operational procedures, security muscling, etc., et al. They didn't have the act down in such a seamless fashion as they do today. I am thinking particularly of the ROSWELL INCIDENT. The almost forgotten leaks and rash PR statements that got blurted out in the absence of today's centralized and highly refined policy control systems. A UFO crash today would very, very likely not result in some stupid AF base commander going off beathlessly to an inquisitive reporter. Ground rules are clear and firmly established and yet very subtle.

It is this sort of understanding that makes "Hanger 18" so crude and almost childlike in its depiction of "how things work". Very crude in terms of how and what government involvement in any matter vitally affecting national security. That, and the portrayal of an isolated UFO incident totally divorced from any larger phenomenon and context of activity. As if no standard policy and security structure pre-existed the UFO event. That's Incredible! The only redeeming feature of "Hanger 18" was that it did give the public some kind of fearful vision of just how far an elite of decision makers will go to keep things from them. It did give people an idea that evidence may be jiggered with and that people who look like fools may not be so at all!

I read the "Covert Capers Crown Colorado Cow Case" with great appreciation and interest. A "concrete case" of someone besides myself with a weakness for alliteration! Both the mutilation data and what happened to the data is of great importance. Consider the "burglary" itself. The two events raise many, many questions. They suggest an intelligence and counterintelligence operation concerning mutes and UFOs on a vast scale. On a very well organized scale.

Anyone connected with mute research is computer dossiered. Perhaps HARVEST (the NSA supercomputer with word and phrase speech recognition) is multiplexed into an area when a security alert is raised. If anything is said on the phone about mutilations and a set of other critical words, then the proper people are notified. Or perhaps actual covert field surveillance alerted someone. Or a combination of things. Military choppers constantly monitor the mute activity and perhaps humans who investigate, Perhaps that is what some



of the chopper activity is.

Some security apparatus detected Iona Hoeppner. They detected it and alerted DELTA teams (one of the many possible designations) in the area. She may have been followed. Perhaps there was a computer print-out of all possible lab facilities in the area and a connection was made and perhaps the phone gave a tip.

Further commentary on the GRUDGE 13 allegations in STIGMATA #14 come from George Andrews of Drury, Missouri:

After reading Project Grudge Report Number 13, what came to my mind was this: If their language resembles Sanscrit and their basic nourishment consists of liquid chlorophyl, it looks as if what we are faced with here is the return of Indra and his companions, the invincible soma-drinkers in their celestial chariots. Certain passages from two of the oldest sacred texts of India seem singularly appropriate. First a few lines from the "Yajur-Veda", which was translated from Sanscrit by Arthur Berriedale Keith, and published by Harvard University Press in 1914:

Thou art the milk of the great ones, thou art the giver of splendour; splendor place in me...This is thy body, O pure one. This is thy splendour. With it be united. Win brightness...Thou art pure, thou art nectar, thou art the sacrifice for all the gods. I have mounted the eye of the sun...Blazing with the wise...I buy soma from thee, rich in sap, full of force, overcoming the foe, the pure with the pure I buy, the bright with the bright, the immortal with the immortal. We have seen the light, we have found the gods.

And from the "Atharva-Veda", translated from Sanscrit by William Dwight Whitney, published by Harvard University in 1905:

Sweet verily is this soma, and full of honey is this; strong verily is this; and no one soever overpowers in conflicts Indra, having now drunk of it... O Indra and soma, cause to roll from the sky the deadly weapon, from the earth also, a shattering for the evil-plotter; shape out from the mountains the noisy one, wherewith you burn down the increasing demon. O Indra and soma, cause it to roll forth from the sky; with fire-heated stone-smiting unaging heat weapons do ye pierce the devourers in the abyss...let them go to silence...He who hath worshiped thee, O fury, missile thunderbolt, gains power, force, everything in succession; may we, with thee as ally, that art made of power, overpower the barbarian, the Aryan, with powerful power... Here I am for thee; come hitherward unto us, meeting us, O powerful all-

giving one; O thunderbolt-bearing one, turn hither to us; let us two slay the barbarians; and do thou know thy partner. Go forth among them; be on our right hand, then will we two smite and slay many Vrtas; I offer to thee the sustaining top of the sweet; let us both drink the initial draught...The mighty one chose a drink of soma; a great stone became what was his body... Your mastery I know, your kingdom, O Trishandi...what in the atmosphere, what in the sky, and what men are on the earth...Iron-mouthed, needle-mouthed, likewise thorn-tree-mouthed, let the flesh-eaters, of wind-swiftness, fasten on our enemies with the three-jointed thunderbolt...O Indra and Varuna, soma-drinkers, this pressed soma, intoxicating, drink ye, O ye of firm courses...The great superintendent of them sees, as it were, from close by; whoever thinks to be going on in secret, all this the gods know.

Whoso knows, goes about, and whoso goes crookedly, whoso goes about hiddenly, who defiantly - what two, sitting together, talk, King Varuna, as third, knows that. Both this earth is King Varuna's, and yonder great tant margins; also the two oceans are Varuna's paunched; also in this petty water is he hidden. Also whoso should creep far off beyond the other released from King Varuna; from the sky his spies go forth; thousandeyed, they look over the earth. All this King Varuna beholds - what is between the two firmaments, what beyond; numbered of him are the winkings of people; as a gambler the dice, so does he fix these things...Since thou verily, O self-ruling Varuna, knowest all births, O well-conducting one - is there anything beyond the welkin? Is there anything below what is beyond, O unerring one?

There is one other thing beyond the welkin; there is something hard to attain hitherward from what is beyond; this I Varuna, knowing it, proclaim to thee. The one this side, the other beyond the back of the sky, in secret are deposited the two treasures of the Brahman... The two wheels of thee, O Surya, the priests know... further, the one wheel that is in secret - that, verily, the enlightened know... On the back of yonder sky the all-knowing ones talk a speech not found by all... The five-footed father of twelve shapes they call rich in ground in the far half of the sky... Eight-wheeled, nine-doored is the impregnable stronghold of the gods; in that is found a golden vessel, heaven-going, covered with light. In that golden vessel, three-spoked, having three supports - what soul-possessing monster there is in it, that verily the knowers of Brahman know. The Brahman entered into the resplendent yellow golden unconquered stronghold that was all surrounded with glory... Ascend ye to the highest heaven; O seers, be not afraid; ye soma-drinkers, soma-drenchers, this oblation is made to you; we have gone to the highest light...

Up out of the darkness have we, ascending the highest firmament, gone to the sun, god among the gods, highest light... These fore-knowing ones have turned hither upward from below by roads that the gods go upon; upon the back of the virile mountain the ancient streams flow forth new.

From the descriptions of the way it was prepared, we know that soma was a type of liquid chlorophyl infusion with a specific alkaloidal content. According to the original texts, it was a vine that was crushed between rocks and prepared in a similar fashion to the way the Indians of the Amazon prepare potions from the ayahuasca vine. With all due respect to Dr. Wasson, it is described in the original texts as a creeping plant, a vine with leaves and seeds, which does not apply to a mushroom. Psychedelic mushrooms may have been added to the potion at a later date after the original plant became scarce and finally extinct through over-harvesting. During the period when every household in India was hunting for the soma plant, which had become worth its weight in gold, it could have been over-harvested to the point of extinction within a few years. There has been endless speculation and debate as to the identity of the soma plant. My guess is that a vine that was related to the ayahuasca vine of the Amazon once grew in northern India, but was over-harvested to the point of extinction.

It is obvious from the content of the Vedic hymns in honor of Indra and soma that during the period when they were composed, contact between humans and non-human celestials was socially-approved behavior, of considerable religious and practical significance. This is in striking contrast to contemporary attitudes in our modern civilisation, which greet such manifestations with sneers of derision and contemptuous dismissal, automatically catagorising those involved as liars or fools or insane.

All known plants with effects that resemble soma's in any way are now strictly illegal. Upon their return, Indra and his companions were not met with libations of soma by a joyful population come to celebrate the occasion. They were met with machine-gun bullets, and deliberate deception on the part of our highest levels of authority. Instead of renewing the ancient alliance, the politicians in charge of our power structures chose the path of war. They made that choice without consulting their fellow citizens, who according to law should have had a voice in making such a major decision, and should at the very least have been informed. Considering contemporary attitudes and the choice made without consulting us by our leaders, we may be lucky that so far only a few human corpses have been found. Provoking the wrath of the gods could turn out to be much more devastating to us than it has been so far. It is my humble opinion that if we are to survive as a civilisation, we must recognise who it is that has been hovering over us all these years, and take steps to renew the ancient alliance.

Another letter (next page) comes to us from our contributor E. Edwin Austin of the Mutila-

tion Data Center of Orange, California. He describes "the incident which put me into animal mutilation research":

In early 1980, I was moving an auto towards Los Angeles, via I-70 across Colorado. Somewhere around Glenwood Springs, I got bored and sleepy and struck up a conversation in CB channel 19, with an equally bored and sleepy truck driver, to keep each other awake. The conversation turned to cattle mutilations. He said he worked out of Grand Junction, there had been mutilations around there. He described a weird hunting incident in a remote canyon called "24 Mile Canyon" because it is 24 miles north of Grand Junction. There was a description of a box canyon near 24 mile canyon, where outlaws used to hide and where weird lights are seen frequently.

By now curious, I made arrangements to take my"trip break" at Grand Junction and he and I would go look it over. It is important to emphasize that everybody everywhere along I-70, from Glenwood Springs to Grand Junction, knew of our plans. Next morning, the trucker, his wife and I took some food, three high-powered rifles and a box of ammo apiece and headed for 24-mile Canyon.

Just inside the canyon, a helicopter suddenly appears, no markings visible. It veered out of sight and, so far as we could tell, it went just beyond the rim of the canyon and landed. Half an hour or so later, we get "dusted" (warning shot) by a rifle fired from the rim of the canyon directly in line with where we last heard the chopper. We took cover, unlimbered and loaded, began working towards the source of the shot. No further action, so we eventually gave up and went on about our business. We found an old, long-unused cult site at the entrance to an old mine, now a fairly large and dry cave. We also found a modern, brand-new military-style message drop - a cigarette pack, brand new, in a crack in the rock. But empty. We found two obvious sentry points, used by two people, one with adult shoes, the other very small shoes. But not treaded soles like ranchers or prospectors. Smooth soles like military or you and I wear. No discarded cigarettes, no burned out campfires, no beer cans. Nothing but the tracks, hundreds of them, concentrated in the two sentry points, all less than 48 hours old (older would have been wiped out by recent rain).

On the way out of the canyon, a middle-aged man and what appeared to be a young boy appeared, on two horses, dragging a pack horse along, taking off up the side of the canyon, on the trail that leads to the box canyon. Everybody was armed to the teeth, so we all made a point of no sudden moves.

At that point, we went back to Grand Junction, but instead of going home we went to the airport - just in time to meet the chopper returning. You never saw two such non-plussed individuals as those two. They claimed to be a Forest Service Ranger and a pilot charter-to go count horses where we were. First, there is no National Forest there. Second, there are less than half a dozen horses in the whole area. We walked off laughing to ourselves.

Just today, I talked with Frank Leano, FAA Flight Standards District Office, Long Beach, California, about the lack of visible markings (There were some small license numbers on the tail boom, next to the rotor - but nithing else). Leano says that FAR 45:27, in combination with FAR 45:29, require twenty inch license marks on the bottom of the fuse-lage, top of the letters to the left. And more marks, at least six inches tall, on the sides under the windows. Which this rig didn't have. Leano suggests that our "white spots" on the choppers (STIGMATA note: some of those potentially linked to mutes) may be whitewashed, so that the pilot can stop and hose them off just before returning to base.

STIGMATA note: We greatly appreciate the letters containing your comments, gripes and opinions. Please keep 'em coming. We like to hear what people are thinking about all this mess. Be sure to advise whether we have permission to use all of part of your letter, or whether we may use your letter if we delete your name. Unfortunately, we can't use all letters, as space is limited.

Tome To Torpedo Mutes

For those who have been awaiting the truly definitive and exhaustive book-length work on the mutilations - and who have been buoyed by expectations regarding the upcoming book by New Yorkers Daniel Kagan and Ian Summers - the news is not good, from what we've recently heard and read. Definitive? Not likely. Exhaustive? Maybe so, as in the exhaustion of skinning one's self alive. The book-to-come is now titled "Mute Evidence", to be published by Bantam. After many forward-alterations of the publication date, it appeared set (recently) for October of 1982. But now it's been pushed even further along, and may not appear until the spring of 1983. One has to wonder about Bantam's hesitation. Perhaps they feel there's no real market for a book on mutes (and, who knows, they may be right, commercially speaking). Or, maybe there are other reasons. We're beginning to doubt if there would be so much as a raised eyebrow if the book never appeared.

One can't help but think that Bantam may have passed up its best shot by not publishing the book in October of 1982, to coincide with the scheduled release of the new mute-movie, "Endangered Species".

A couple of years back, authors Kagan and Summers marched across the country, gathering data and interviewing mute researchers and investigators. One wag suggested they were 2 urban lads from Fifth Avenue (literally) whose first order of business was to sojourn out west to determine which end of the bovine was intake and which is outlet. Nevertheless, they seemed to impress most people as serious, and it was expected that mutes might get a fair and intelligent airing-out once the book appeared.

Then, after hearing through the grapevine that Kagan's and Summer's book would largely deny and debunk the reality of classic mutilations, a couple of events in the first half of 1982 have served to fully confirm that notion.

First, reporter Chas S. Clifton authored a long (and good) article on mutilations and on Kagan and Summers (mainly Kagan) that appeared in the March 7, 1982 edition of the COLORADO SPRINGS SUN. Clifton's article adroitly ties together various elements of the mute problem, then focusses on Kagan's denouncement of mutes in general. Although Summers is quoted as saying "Our book is not a debunking book", Kagan accepts only seven cases as representing real or "classic" mutilations. All 7 were in either Iowa or Alberta and were apparently attributed to cultists (possibly, says Kagan, there were a couple of other mutes in a couple of other states that were for real, but insufficient data is known).

Excerpts from Clifton's article:

- ... (according to Kagan and Summers) the mutilation wave enabled Americans to project social feelings and fears of the mid-1970's their reactions to Watergate, the OPEC embargo and the loss of the Vietnam War into conspiracy theories about just who was behind the mutilations.
- ... The mutilations (said Kagan) furnished the perfect conspiracy on which to project the public's unspoken fears of big business, big government, intelligence agencies, warped combat veterans.
- ... (according to Kagan) The public mind had been rocked by the revelations of Watergate, by the Senate hearings on CIA dirty tricks and by the spectacle of the hasty American withdrawal from Vietnam the helicopters taking off from the embassy roof as thousands of one-time allies scrambled to get aboard. It is no coincidence, Kagan said, that helicopters played a large part in the mutilation stories: the helicopter had become the symbol of the Vietnam War.
- ... The explanation that "Mute Evidence" will offer (STIGMATA note: for the "handful" of mutes accepted as genuine by K.&S.) is that in a few cases members of Satanic cults saw the newspaper and television reports and in a spirit of ecclecticism decided to try it themselves.
- ... Whatever the explanation, the mutilations, like UFOs, have entered American consciousness to the degree that most every person who has heard of them has an explanation. Daniel Kagan says, "The ghost has not been laid to rest because there is no ghost". In other words, while "copycat" mutilators existed, they were copying a myth that grew out of a combination of psychological unrest and natural predator damage to dead or dying livestock.

Reporter Clifton commented further in a letter to Project Stigma:

One thing is for certain, the mutilations are and shall doubtlessly remain an octopus of a law enforcement case or news story. I personally am not attached to any one theory, but I did enjoy the way Kagan pointed out the tendency of reporters and "mutologists" alike to immediately come up with a theory and then fit the facts to it. The tendency to say "It must be a cult/UFOs/coyotes" right off the bat is the biggest obstacle to anyone sorting the matter out. The appeal of Kagan's & Summer's explanation is that it fits "Occam's Razor" better than most of those advanced: It has the fewest moving parts, and requires the smallest amount of extraterrestrial involvement. But they too could be overlooking something, it's always possible.

We at Project Stigma agree with both Kagan and Clifton about the unfortunate tendency toward presumption, not just in mutology, but in Life. But to us, "Occam's Razor" has never entirely passed the smell test. We see no reason to assume that the simplest and least complicated explanation (for anything) is the most tenable in all cases. We suspect that some situations may arise in which the "simplest" solution is not the most valid. At the same time, in as bizarre an arena as that of the mutes, some of the apparent "complexity" may be due to the cacophonous inclusion of peripheral and tangential elements, indirectly or even spuriously related to mutilations, or to the deceitfully and purposely confusing spread of disinformation. In a given situation, though, invoking Occam's Razor may be presumptuous in itself.

We referred to two events involving Kagan & Summers in 1982. The second was a panel discussion on mutilations, one in a series of classes and lectures on the paranormal presented by New Jersey writer-investigator Peter A. Jordan. The discussion on mutes one spring evening was supposed to have featured four participants. Oh...they all attended, all right: Dan Kagan, Ian Summers, legendary Fortean writer John A. Keel and a some-time writer for OMNI magazine.

According to Peter Jordan, the latter 3 had difficulty getting a word in edgewise, as Dan Kagan vehemently, vociferously and unalterably railed against the folly and nonsense of classic animal mutilations - establishing himself as a Man with a Mission - to proclaim to all the world that mutes are myth. He told Jordan he accepts only 6 "classic" mutes, dropping down a notch from the seven referred to by Clifton. Kagan admitted that in his investigations and in the book, he is ignoring "peripheral" evidence - like tracks, pod prints and other markings at mute sites, UFO sightings and - God forbid - helicopters (ridiculous, he told Jordan). Peripheral evidence is just that, he appears to be saying - data with no relevance to mutes because the focus of the study is, after all, mutes - and nothing but.

To a limited extent, that may be valid; but that doesn't mean that peripheral evidence can

be ignored. Some of the "peripheral" data may someday turn out to be altogether as rellevant - if not more so - as the "direct" evidence of the mutes themselves. Personally, we have nothing against Dan Kagan and Ian Summers. To each his own; everyone's entitled to their opinion, and all that. Maybe they went into this with the best and most noble of intentions. But as we said in STIGMATA #16, some people are simply not ready for the inclusion of such extramundane events in their world-view - such things just can not be. According to Kagan, farmers and ranchers are ignorant of basic bovine anatomy and of the effects of various diseases and predation on carcasses - they are not expert witnesses (no matter how long they've been ranching and working with animals) and they are not trained pathologists. They are suffering from a mass-mythic-hysteria when they claim that mutes are "different" and unlike "normal" cattle deaths.

We merely feel, as we have "merely felt" all along, that there is something out of the ordinary going on - that while undoubtedly some farmers and ranchers have misinterpreted normal deaths to be mutilations, one cannot wash away the totality of the reports in that manner. We think that Kagan and Summers are wrong and that their book (if it ever appears) will be interesting and probably well-written - but ultimately doomed to irrelevancy.

Peter Jordan, who conducted the series of classes in the paranormal in New Jersey this spring, authored GLIMPSES THROUGH A LOOKING GLASS, a monograph on psychic analysis of mutilation data. GLIMPSES is being reprinted in the pre-eminent Fortean journal, FORTEAN TIMES of London. Pete is also writing an article on GLIMPSES research for APPLIED PSY, the newsletter of the Institute for Applied Intuition in California. Pete sold an article on the mutilations to SCIENCE DIGEST some time back, but the magazine has chosen to sit on it.

GRUDGE 13 UPDATE

As we reported in STIGMATA No. 14, a veteran ufologist (well-known but anonymous here) investigated the claims and background of the man we called "Toulinet", who claimed intimate knowledge, not only of the fantastic-if-true "Project Grudge Report No. 13" (aka "Grudge 13"), but of a series of human mutilations as well. Then in STIGMATA No. 15, the pseudonymous "X-9" was highly critical of "Toulinet's" claims - both regarding his (Toulinet's) background and "Grudge 13" itself. In a telephone conversation in early 1982, our anonymous investigator rejected "X-9"'s assessment of the case and further information he said he had uncovered regarding "Toulinet"and his story.

First, on the crash of a B-52 aircraft in Viet Nam, investigated by Toulinet and other Special Forces personnel: The B-52 was found "intact" sitting in the jungle - no "swath" indicative of a crash-landing. They plane was completely intact and the bodies of all the crew were on board (how they died has not been explained). It is claimed that communi-

cation had been received from the B-52 before it went down, to the effect that it was "under attack by a UFO", a "large light". The plane was found flat on the ground the next day and information flow on the subject was firmly capped.

"X-9" had wondered about the Air Force/Blue Book/Grudge reports before and after No. 13. Our source says that 12 preceded this one (makes sense) and that Blue Book Report No. 14 is well-known to ufologists. All copies of No. 13 had been secretly distributed and were then called back and subsequently destroyed, with a few copies being retained, of course, including the one Toulinet saw.

"X-9" criticized Toulinet's change in rank (or lack thereof). Our investigator says that Toulinet "received a battlefield commission from staff sargeant to first lieutenant and two battlefield promotions".

Our source found that when Toulinet returned to the United States from SE Asia, he was "separated" from the service for a while but then was shortly called back for an intelligence assignment. This was preceded by a "reindoctrination" program, part of which was to have him "unlearn" to kill without conscience, as he had been so well-taught to do previously. The story that Toulinet had been hospitalized for a "nervous breakdown" was merely a cover story for this period of "reindoctrination". The "cover story", in fact, was what even his family were led to believe. This "intelligence assignment" then led Toulinet to the "Listening Post" near London, where he examined "Grudge 13".

The investigator says that he and Toulinet have investigated the human mutilation reports, and that they know the identities of at least some of the victims.

The investigator and Toulinet had comtemplated writing a book about all of this but concluded that such a venture would be "too dangerous", perhaps as exemplified by the following:

Toulinet frequently rides a bicycle (he lives in a metropolitan area). Within the last year or so, he claims that he has been shot at while on his bike and that at least one attempt had been made to run him off the road. Two days after one of the latter incidents and about 3 miles away, another bike rider was sideswiped by a car and killed. He was wearing a leather jacket, boots and cap, all similar to Toulinet's attire - plus the two men were the same size and build. Toulinet believes, then, that he was the intended victim.

Quite a different assessment of the Toulinet-Grudge 13 affair has been offered by William L. Moore, co-author of THE PHILADELPHIA EXPERIMENT and THE ROSWELL INCIDENT. He wrote in a recent letter:

For the life of me, I can't understand your desire to continue to comment on (Toulinet's) "Grudge 13" garbage. As I have told you, (Toulinet) is totally un-

reliable as a reporter of anything. I know the fellow and can say this with confidence. Furthermore, I have spoken with two sources who have been privy to information of the alleged "Grudge 13" sort. Although information given independently by each of these sources clearly indicates that they are both talking about the same document (which in both cases was named and was not entitled "Grudge 13" - or anything else "13" for that matter), none of the testimony of these two individuals in any way jibes with the (Toulinet) story. (Toulinet) did not have proper security clearance or need-to-know on UFO information while in the military. My two contacts both did (do). Let's face it - (Toulinet) is fabricating. As for the whereabouts of an alleged Blue Book Report 13, I have recently come upon some documentation which throws some very interesting light on this matter. This will be dealt with in my upcoming book Visitors from the Cosmos which I am writing with Stan Friedman. Suffice it to say, however, that Blue Book 13, at least as far as I have been able to determine, did not deal with crashed saucers and alien bodies, but rather dealt in a more general way with the reality of UFOs as extraterrestrial craft.

Late last year, Bill Moore told us that he had a very reliable and very confidential source of information (now, apparently, he has developed another such source), and that he very rarely goes into print on anything obtained from this source. But Moore was given access to "portions of the file in question" and has confirmed that there is a report, as he states in his letter. Moore also reports that he asked "Toulinet" a number of questions about Grudge 13 without letting on that he (Moore) knew anything of substance. Moore says that "Toulinet" didn't answer a single question right - "everything was wrong, according to what I knew was in the actual report". Bill also tells us that "Toulinet" admitted to him that he made up the "Grudge 13" story.

Bill Moore has provided us with additional information, which has served to broaden our understanding of the <u>real</u> "Grudge" story, including insights into the history of the reports in those early days of ufology. Lack of space prohibits us from presenting more on this in this issue. Perhaps, though, there will be more to come - in a future edition of this publication and, of course, in the upcoming Friedman/Moore book.

MUTILATION DATA CENTER REPORT

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This is an interim report on the status of my research into livestock mutilations, as of March 1, 1982. The foundation is a year and a half of study of media, science and personal investigations. On that foundation rests a careful study of 201 case histories taken from

STIGMATA. Quoted background sources are "keystone citations", backed by dozens of parallel citations from independent sources, often from unrelated fields of interest. 23 cases were rejected for irrelevancy or complete lack of data. 133 cases were rejected for insufficient data (investigators, take note!). Of the remaining 45 cases, 21 appear to be chemical/biological warfare experiments, 15 cult cases, 6 lone psychotics, 3 butcherings for food.

CHEMICAL/BIOLOGICAL WARFARE

The world's armies possess a bewildering array of chemical/biological weapons. Using them is severely hampered by the vagaries of wind, temperature, humidity, sunlight, trees and buildings, individual resistance and other imponderables. Since the 40's, experimentation has been almost exclusively with delivery systems (A SURVEY OF CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGI-CAL WARFARE by John Cookston and Judith Notthingham; Monthly Review Press, New York, 1969). The U.S. started with a delivery system used extensively by farmers to protect crops and livestock. From this came interest in anti-food warfare. In 1969, the U.S. Department of Agriculture was operating a biological warfare research facility on Plum Island, Connecticut, devoted to livestock diseases. At least 11 corporations and dozens of universities were doing anti-food warfare research (THE ULTIMATE FOLLY by Congressman Richard D. Mc-Carthy; Alfred A. Knopf, New York, 1969). The U.S. conducted the world's first large-scale test of anti-food warfare on Vietnamese crops and livestock (A SURVEY OF CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WARFARE, above). Between 1949 and 1969, the U.S. conducted 239 known secret chemical/biological warfare experiments on its own citizens in urban areas (SATUR-DAY REVIEW; Nov. 10, 1979, p. 10, "How the U.S. Used Its Citizens as Guinea Pigs"). Conspicuous by absence is mention in any literature of similar secret experiments on U.S. crops and livestock. More conspicuous by presence are dozens of Federal and U.S. military agents, backed by propagandists who try to tell us the mutilations are the work of little green men from Mars, or never happened at all. Those who persist are subjected to accusations of hallucinations or, if we still persist, we may find ourselves jailed by Secret Service on warrants dismissed four years ago --- as I was over Christmas, 1981 (Personal documents, experience and writings in STIGMATA). The most obvious activity by these people is interference with local law enforcement. On the basis of the presence of militaryconnected companies and university researchers, I believe that genetic research and trace element research are included.

CULTS

A real source of both animal and human mutilation deaths, well documented in court records and media. Intelligence agents gather data on these real mutilations and the propagandists hold them up as the "sole" source. I have come to regard the military as my best source of cult mutilation information. Cultists attack only the animals they use in their rituals. It is inherent in military experimentation that the whole herd is dusted or sprayed. There will therefore be a detectable residue on nearby living animals and vegetation. New Mexico State Police Officer Gabe Valdez (STIGMATA note: and civilian investigator Howard Burgess)

found a white powder that fluoresces under ultra-violet light, on living animals that were near a mute just before death (TV program, "A Strange Harvest", produced by Linda Moulton Howe, KMGH-TV, Denver, Colorado). Simla, Colorado rancher Robert Blake found the same powder on a mutilated horse and established that it shows a penetration characteristic consistent with military carriers of chemical/biological warfare agents. Two weeks later, sheep that were nearby began to display metabolic disturbances and their eyes began to glow when a flashlight was shined on them. There was also slight damage to nearby vegetation, of such a nature as to be consistent with the turbulent downwash of a helicopter (STIGMATA no. 13, p. 9). With those two rock-solid reports, I base the other 19 findings on such secondary aspects as the white powder, helicopter sightings, etc. There are two incidents in which farmers were fired on by the occupants of military-type helicopters (note: I was also fired on by unknown persons while doing a mutilation investigation 24 miles north of Grand Junction, Colorado - see letter elsewhere in this issue).

PSYCHOTICS

Characterized by a frenzy which produces multiple identical trauma. The weapon is normally crude and found nearby. Some go on to attack humans, bringing them into murder trials (SACRAMENTO BEE, Sacramento, California, beginning January 29, 1978: copies of official court exhibits; all from multiple murder trial of Richard Trenton Chase. Chase mutilated several hundred birds and animals, including at least one bovine, before going on to murder six humans, to drink their blood. For a typical unidentified cattle mutilation from a psychotic, see STIGMATA no. 17, back cover).

FOOD

Easily identifiable by the parts taken. All three STIGMATA cases so ruled by law enforcement officials. On the basis of the STIGMATA reports, I agree.

A NEW LINE OF INVESTIGATION

Based on the Valdez and Blake cases, I suggest that attention be given to examination of nearby living animals with ultra-violet and infrared light. Blood samples of nearby living animals should be taken and examined for anomalous substances, cell disturbances and the like. In the area where the animal was grazing just before death (not where found), vegetation should be examined for anomalous powders, strips of metal, etc., and samples should be taken for testing for any of the liquid or powder aerosols. This was the basis of the finding that chemical war weapons were used on villagers in Cambodia, Afghanistan and Yemen (YELLOW RAIN by Sterling Seagrave; M. Evans & Company, New York, 1981).

LATE REPORT FROM MUTILATION DATA CENTER'S E. EDWIN AUSTIN - APRIL 1982

I have discovered a grave danger to the Vampire Information Network and numerous unusual religions, usually called "cults". Basically, the U.S. military is using these groups as

scapegoats for chemical/biological warfare experiments on livestock. The world's armies possess a bewildering array of chemical/biological weapons. Using them is severely hampered by the vagaries of wind, temperature, humidity, etc. Since the 1940's, experimentation has been almost exclusively with delivery systems. The U.S. began with a delivery system widely used by agriculture to protect crops and livestock. (see report above)

For a while they tried to tell us that the mutilations "never happened --- it's all predators" or "It's little green men from Mars". The average farmer and rancher is just too smart to bite on that one - all they got was funny looks and threats of commitment to the funny-farm.

The next tactic was a direct scapegoat attempt to blame the "cults". Dr. J. Allen Hynek started by getting Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agent Donald Flickinger to "set up" two convicted felons, Dugan and Bankston, for an escape from a mickey-mouse county jail, in return for real information about real cultists who mutilated real livestock for their rituals, which include blood-drinking. The propagandists took the information and held up "cults" as the sole source of livestock mutilations.

Simultaneously, the FBI (Agent Kenneth Rommel) took over and controlled mutilation investigations in the Santa Fe, New Mexico D.A.'s office - the key point for both national and Apache Indian mutilation investigations. Ridicule was heaped on those of us who refused to knuckle under, by such people as James Stewart, a University of South Dakota propagandist closely connected to the Army; Dr. Henry Montieth of Sandia Labs, who specializes in accusing the Apache Indians of "superstition" and a group of military-connected "scientists" who finance a propagandist named Kendrick Frazier, out of Albuquerque, New Mexico, who specializes in pseudo-science aimed at non-technical farmers and ranchers. Since farmers and ranchers are college-educated, many of them scientists in their own right, all but the "cult" pitch fell on deaf ears. With a few cultists actually convicted of livestock mutilations, the rural population is fast becoming hostile to unusual religions.

But it did not work with those of us who are doing the investigations. That rooted out "counter-intelligence" agents like George Erianne, a private dick in Colorado Springs, who promotes the theory that it is "quasi-military" chemical/biological warfare experimentation, performed by "cultists" and 'revolutionaries". That's you people! It is time for some strange bedfellows to band together to protect each other.

STIGMATA note: E. Edwin Austin's opinions and interpretations are his own, and do not necessarily reflect the viewpoint of Project Stigma.

MUTE MOVIES

"THE RETURN"

Outside of the "Haunted Billabong", the supposed 1911 Australian mutilation/UFO flick that we

covered in STIGMATA no. 8 - it seems "The Return" is the first (modern) film to employ classic mutilations as a prominent plot element. As far as we can tell, the flick wasn't released to theaters. It was acquired and shown in January 1982 by the cable TV giant, Home Box Office. When a film goes straight to cable TV with little or no chance to make it at the "away-from-home box office", a warning signal flashes before the discriminating viewer. Justified, in this case. "The Return" is a real disappointment, unsatisfying, and an unfortunate waste of time and money. There are "name" stars: Jan-Michael Vincent, Cybill Shepherd, Raymond Burr, Martin Landau(straight from the less-than-scintillating "Without Warning") and the venerable Neville Brand - but these are people passing through on their way to a paycheck, that's all. Oh, the special effects are not all that embarrassing, considering the probable budget-but not much was spent on plot development. One would think it wouldn't be that difficult to come up with a decent story. This one doesn't wash, even the part about the cow parts being sucked into a maelstromic "black hole" in New Mexico (the writers must have been thinking of some bar outside Taos). Better forget this one, unless it's on the tube and you've nothing better to do (or could use some grins). With any luck at all, though, "The Return" -- won't.

"ENDANGERED SPECIES"

Formerly titled "Cows", this film stars Robert Urich (trying to make the Big Leap from TV), JoBeth Williams(starring in this summer's sparkling Spielberg spooker, "Poltergeist"), and character folks like Hoyt Axton, Paul Dooley, Gene Evans and none other than Harry Carey, Jr.; directed by Alan Rudolph and written by Rudolph and John Binder. Producer Carolyn Pfeiffer tells us that "Endangered Species" is scheduled for release (to theaters, not to HBO - at least not yet) in October 1982. We have some idea of the storyline, but it wouldn't be fair to elaborate, would it? We'd like to see a decent rendering of a mute-related plot, even if we don't feel entirely comfortable with the denouement. Maybe this one will fill the bill. Watch for it - and we'll have something to talk about. By the way, write and let us know what you think of "Endangered Species". We'll assume that we can publish your comments and your name unless you ask us not to do so.

A NEW MUTILATION PUBLICATION: Three scalawags - Tom Clark, Lewis Macadams and our friend David Perkins (aka Izzy Zane) - have put together ALTERED STEAKS, "a colloquium on the cattle mutilation question". It's just that: a transcript of a conversation among the three (if Hynek & Vallee can do it - why not?). It's a freewheeling verbal carnival - not without minor factual errors, and not without controversial points-of-view. But Izzy's done a lot of mute-investigative work, and the reader obtains a good grasp on his perspective. If you're into mutes, you may not agree with much said here, but you're sure to find it of interest. \$4.00 from Am Here Books/Immediate Editions - 2503 Medcliff Road - Santa Barbara, California 93109 USA.

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ANNOUNCING CRUX

A NEW PUBLICATION!

Project Stigma is launching a Fortean and paranormal newsletter, mirroring our broader phenomenological perspective, which extends far beyond the bounds of the mutilation situation. Indeed, we constantly receive and come across data which really has no place in STIGMATA, but which, we feel, should be exposed to view. "Fortean" (after Charles Fort, the legendary collector of "data of the damned"; an information junkie, for sure) best describes our outlook and interests. Even CRUX, though, will likely contain material not normally relegated to the Fortean arena. Notable Fortean publications have come and gone: There was John Keel's ANOMALY and David Fideler's ANOMALY RESEARCH BULLETIN. Now there's INFO JOURNAL and FORTEAN TIMES, the British publication that is pre-eminent in the field. We believe that, in our rather modest fashion, we have our own niche to fill.

We will be loosely-organized (nothing new there) and will hope to accurately reflect the chaos of civilization as we know it and love it. With luck we'll even be pseudo-revelatory; with more luck, regular-revelatory. Much of the material in CRUX will be concerned with some of the "greatest hits" of the paranormal - UFOs and cryptozoology (Bigfoot and the like) - as these reflect our interests and hang-ups - but we cannot promise not to range far afield. To a great extent, we will be experimenting as we go along.

The next STIGMATA (#19) will appear around the end of 1982. Shortly before that time, CRUX will appear as a <u>one-shot</u> publication. That is, no full subscriptions are now being offered, and no subscription fees will currently be accepted.

Pre-publication orders <u>are</u> now being accepted for CRUX no. 1, (over)priced at \$3.00 each. This one-shot issue will be a <u>very limited</u> edition, destined to be an eagerly sought-after item for bird cages throughout the world. It'll be much like our special publication on mutilations and mystery helicopters: when they're gone, they're gone, and we will likely not be in a position to re-print them anytime soon.

If CRUX receives a sufficiently positive (monetarily) reception, we will consider publishing it on a regular basis. There would be two possibilities: (1) We will publish STIGMATA and CRUX in alternate quarters in 1983 (2 issues of each during the year) or (2) STIGMATA will cease publication and mutilation material will appear in CRUX, which would be published quarterly in 1983 (A lot may also depend upon what occurs on the mutilation-scene in 1982).

The "verdict" on CRUX will be announced in STIGMATA no. 19 or, at the latest, in STIGMATA no. 20 (First Quarter 1983).

To receive the "experimental" first edition, send \$3.00 (specify for CRUX) to: Project Stigma - P.O. Box 1094 - Paris, Texas 75460 USA (the form of payment must be as specified for STIGMATA - see front page). Onward and upward, right??